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## Moose Tracks

### Looking Forward: 2009 Upper Peninsula State Fair

Upper Peninsula State Fair staff and the Upper Peninsula Board of Managers are looking forward the 2009 Upper Peninsula State Fair.

With a planned opening for Preview Night at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 17, 2009, Upper Peninsula State Fair Staff and the Upper Peninsula State Fair Board of Managers are busy putting together the pieces for the 2009 U.P. State Fair.

"We're very excited about the entertainment and activities planned for the 2009 fair", said fair manager, Scott Staelgraeve. According to Mr. Staelgraeve, the Fair is planning to host

four music concerts in the grandstand along with a demolition derby and draft horse pull.

You can also expect to find a great show planned for the Michigan DNR Pocket Park. Each year, the DNR puts together a fabulous display that celebrates Michigan's vast, beautiful natural resources. In addition, the Upper Peninsula State Fair's award winning Growing U.P. Foresters Exhibit is sure to fascinate fairgoers.

What else can you expect to find in 2009? All of your favorites return including Miracle of Life, Oscar the Robot and Fourth Avenue along with the fantastic live-



A full house at one of the 2008 U.P. State Fair Grandstand concerts

stock, agricultural and art exhibits that make the U.P. State Fair a special event.

And don't forget the FOOD!

For additional information about the 2009 U.P. State Fair visit [www.upstatefair.org](http://www.upstatefair.org).

### Dates to Remember

Steer Pre-Entry Forms Due Feb. 15

Vendor Contracts Due May 8

Sheep & Swine Pre-Entry June 1

Fair Camping Forms Due July 1

Fair Entry Forms Due July 15

Preview Night August 17

Opening Day August 18

### Coming Events

♦ Hilltop RV Show February 11—15

♦ TV6 Spring Craft Show March 21—22

♦ Walker Bros. Circus March 27

♦ Kiwanis Home & Garden Show April 17—19

♦ U.P. Equifest Fun Day Horse Show May 2

### Upper Peninsula State Fair Listserv

In January, the Upper Peninsula State Fair established a listserv to provide the opportunity for fans and friends of the Upper Peninsula State Fair to receive e-mail updates about the Fair and other events taking place at the Upper Peninsula State Fairgrounds. The Upper Peninsulas State Fair's

monthly newsletter, *Moose Tracks*, is distributed via the listserv.

If your interested in receiving the latest news about the 2009 Upper Peninsula State Fair or would like to receive *Moose Tracks* via e-mail, you can sign up for the listserv by sending the command:  
*subscribe UPSTATEFAIR*

To:  
[listserv@listserv.michigan.gov](mailto:listserv@listserv.michigan.gov)

Or send an e-mail with your first and last name to:  
[mda-upsf@michigan.gov](mailto:mda-upsf@michigan.gov) and we'll sign you up.

## Partner Profile: U.P. Steam & Gas Association

The U.P. Steam and Gas Engine Association was founded in 1976 as a Non-Profit Corporation dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of early steam engines, gasoline engines, tractors and associated equipment.

We believe that these fine machines of the past are as much a part of the American heritage as the hardy men and women who used them in forging this grand nation. It is lamentable that the passage of time, the ravages of the elements and simple ignorance has all but destroyed many of these implements. It is our on going resolve to save this equipment for present and future generations.

The Association is one of over

400 such groups in the world today. Members of different organizations are restoring and exhibiting old gas engines and tractors throughout the United States and Canada and even as far away as England and Australia.

Each year, the Association sponsors an exposition of early agriculture equipment. Every Labor Day weekend, exhibitors gather to display and operate these implements and-at least for a few hours-both machine and operator are young again. We are pleased you have chosen to join us for this occasion as we remember an important part of our past heritage.

We cordially invite you to become a member of the U.P. Steam

and Gas Engine Association. Your annual \$10 membership fee helps fund operation of the Association. As a member, you will receive a regular newsletter updating current Association projects. Membership applications are available in the Agricultural Museum at the Main Gate.

As a non-profit organization, the U.P. Steam and Gas Engine Association depends on the support of generous people like you for its continued success.

Additional information about the U.P. Steam & Gas Engine Association is available at their website: [www.upsteamandgasengine.org](http://www.upsteamandgasengine.org)

## Sponsor Profile: Verso Paper Corporation

Based in Memphis, Tennessee, Verso Paper Corp. is a leading North American producer of coated papers, including coated groundwood and coated freesheet, and supercalendared and specialty products. Verso's paper products are used primarily in media and marketing applications, including magazines, catalogs and commercial printing applications such as high-end advertising brochures, annual reports and direct-mail advertising.

In the Upper Peninsula, Verso Paper's mill in Quinnesec, is a state-of-the-art facility that manufactures bleached hardwood kraft pulp and high-quality coated printing paper used in magazines and catalogs. The Quinnesec Mill continues to thrive as the "economic anchor" of Dickinson County, for

over two decades. The mill is built on a 2,200-acre site that had been potato fields. The attractiveness of the area was its wealth of resources: highly skilled and motivated workforce, abundant water and wood supply, low energy costs, and excellent transportation network.

Groundbreaking for the mill was in May 1981, and in December 1985 the Quinnesec Mill began producing pulp. The pulp mill has the capacity to produce more than 425,000 tons of northern hardwood kraft pulp each year that is used in the Quinnesec Mill, or sold on the open market. The mill's pulp customers turn the pulp into high quality magazine paper, tissue paper and writing paper just to mention a few. The Quinnesec Mill's kraft pulp has built a reputation as the

cleanest and most consistent performing pulp in the industry.

In 1990, Quinnesec became one of the industry's most advanced, integrated pulp and paper mills with the start-up of a world-class paper machine, Q-41. This machine, which is more than two football fields long, produces 292,000 tons of coated free sheet publication paper annually for use in magazines and catalogs.

The Quinnesec Mill represents a \$1 billion state-of-the-art investment in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. With nearly \$40 million in annual payroll & benefits, Verso employs nearly 500 at the Quinnesec Mill. Additional information about Verso is available on the company's web site at [www.versopaper.com](http://www.versopaper.com).

## Camping at the U.P. State Fairgrounds

Are you looking for a great place to camp this summer? Located in the heart of Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula, The U.P. State Fairgrounds offers camping in a convenient location. Our location close to many U.P. destinations along with electric and water hook-ups and dump station provide all you need for a great camping experience. We can also accommodate large camping rallies. You can find more information about our campground at [www.upstatefair.org/camping](http://www.upstatefair.org/camping) or call the fair office at 906/786-4011 for more information.